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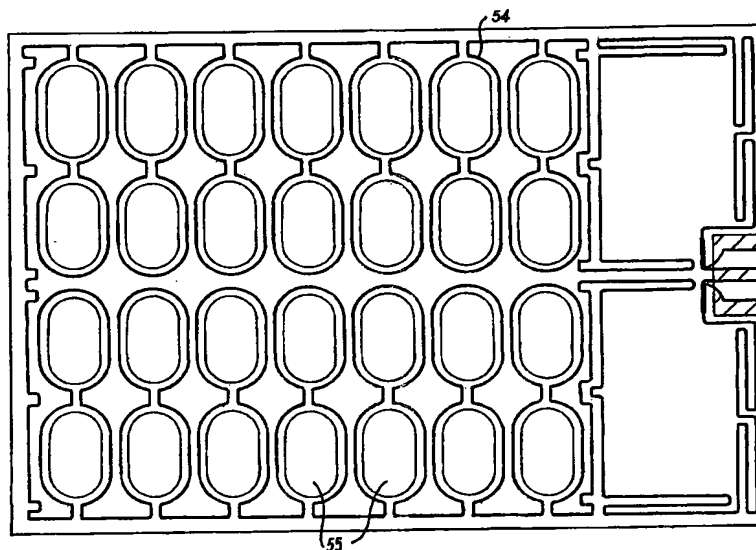
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a portable heat sealing apparatus (30) for heat sealing a monitored dosage pack (10) including a lower pack member (12) including a plurality of formations each providing an open topped pocket (16) and an upper pack member (14) for sealing to the lower pack member (12) to close and seal the pockets (16). The heat sealing apparatus (30) includes a base (32) and a lid (34) for sandwiching the upper and lower pack members of the monitored dosage pack (10) therebetween. The heat sealing apparatus (30) further includes heating means (56) adapted to heat only selected areas of contact between the lower and upper pack members (12, 14) to seal the lower and upper pack members together, thereby closing and sealing the pockets (16).

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